



NORWEGIAN GOTHIC: Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler" opens tonight at 8 pm in Players' Theatre, third floor of the Union.

Restructing Cmtee:

Megaplays foiled by microminds

by Katherine Gutkind

Grand plans proposed by inexperienced people given little advice have accounted for the problems of many Students' Society executives in recent years. This was the feeling at a meeting of the Committee to Restructure the Students' Society held last night.

This problem was demonstrated in a report entitled "Students' Society Cash Flow" presented by Michael Johnson, as part of an account of the poor financial picture of this year's society.

The cafeteria and vending machines have their bookkeeping done by the company concerned. But, the incoming internal vice-president has to spend the summer researching them "from the bottom up with no prior knowledge," Johnson said.

Asked by another committee member if the internal vp was the sole decision-maker, Johnson replied, "yes." It becomes a big burden on the incoming internal vp, he added, who has had very little grooming. "With no Secretary-Treasurer there is very little advice given." There has not been a secretary-

treasurer since Myron Galloway resigned three years ago.

A couple of years ago there was a cafeteria committee to advise the internal vp on these matters. This committee is no longer a major force.

Another example of creeping inactivity of the Students' Society can be seen in the progress of the pub. Questioned as to why there was so much money lost on the pub Johnson replied, "I wouldn't want to speculate. I have no idea how many white-collar crimes went on there."

All major projects of the Students' Society are burdensome, according to Johnson. Added Rev. Roger A. Balk of McGill, another committee member, "We don't have enough ordinary bookkeepers and it is necessary to hire someone."

Johnson then presented the committee with a "Rough Outline of the Financial Decision-Making Process." The Society's structure calls for a Finance Director, who is a student and member of the council Executive. He or she along with a finance committee (consisting of the Secretary-Treasurer and student members) compose the main financial decision-making body.

In finances, the Executive has a committee to do the work for them. Yet they always

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Liquor permit expected soon but Gert's fate unknown

by George Kopp

There are indications that prohibition at McGill may be repealed this week. According to Joan Gross of Special Events, the Quebec Liquor Corporation (QLC) should rule within the next few days on McGill's application for a reception permit.

Even if the permit is granted, however, there is no guarantee that Gertrude's would open. Gross expressed the opinion that it "would not be kosher" for Gertrude's to operate under the reception permit, at least on a daily basis. The possibility of weekend operation was somewhat brighter but by no means certain.

The reception permit provides blanket approval for all university events where liquor is sold or served. The university must provide the QLC with notification of the events it plans to hold a month in advance.

The sorts of events the permit is meant to cover include receptions, parties, and the like. It is Gross' impression that Gertrude's must request a restaurant and bar permit.

"It is our intention to apply

for a restaurant and bar permit as soon as we get the reception permit," said Gross. "Our lawyers felt that if we applied for both at the same time the reception permit might be held up."

Gross estimated that if the reception permit were approved it would be reasonable to hear an answer on the restaurant and bar permit within three weeks.

If the reception permit is rejected, however, McGill cannot re-apply for six months.

Gross was at a loss to explain the delay in QLC approval of the reception permit. "All along I believed it was just a routine matter," she said.

She believes that an objection to Laval University's application for a reception permit and a subsequent hearing on that matter may have contributed to McGill's troubles. After a permit is applied for there is a fifteen-day waiting period during which anyone may object to its granting. If there is an objection, a hearing on the matter is held.

It is not known whether there

have been any objections to McGill's application.

Another reason for the delay at McGill was the fact that the University was not notified of the changed legislation, which was passed in August, until November.

Even after they were notified, says Gross, "we didn't know until mid-January when its effective date was." The effective date was January 1.

Should McGill receive its reception permit, a \$20 fee, payable to the University, will be charged to groups holding events. This fee will cover "legal fees, administrative services, people time and paper time," according to Gross. The fee will also be used to build up a fund to cover costs if McGill is fined for liquor violations.

If administrative costs go down and a fund is built up the fee will be reduced.

Any group wishing to hold an event in March must apply through Special Events office as soon as possible. Students' Society groups should apply through the Students' Society office, which will co-ordinate applications.

Con U hears Thomas speak

by Ted Wakefield

Support for South Africa has been the principal concern of the U.S. State Department in its involvement in the Angolan civil war, according to black militant Tony Thomas. Thomas, who spoke yesterday at Concordia, claimed South Africa was a country "whose reactionary policies make it dedicated to fighting any positive action of the Angolans toward independence."

Thomas, an experienced journalist and leader of the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party, traced the increased involvement of the United States and other NATO countries in African politics to the early 1950's, as a weakened Portuguese dictatorship braced itself for inevitable liberation struggles in its colonial African empire.

During this decade, he said, American economic aid to Portugal, approaching 400 million dollars, buttressed the regime's military budget for the impending conflict in Mozambique, Guinea and Angola.

Throughout the conflict in

Angola, Thomas indicated, US-trained Portuguese forces employed the same tactics of terror and devastation that characterized American exploits in Indochina. He said that after the 1974 coup in Portugal, major capitalist in-

terests there decided that it was time to shift to the neo-colonial relationships that other Western countries had established with former colonies. Portugal therefore guaranteed independence to

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Tony Thomas speaking at Concordia yesterday.

today

Gay McGill:

The Gay McGill office and library are open today from 2:30 to 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to drop by Union B-41 or phone 392-8917 to talk, read or just visit. Also, tonight at 8 pm the Political Committee is meeting in the Gay McGill office to discuss plans for upcoming symposium. All interested people are encouraged to attend.

Players' Theatre Presents "Hedda Gabler":

Ibsen's powerful and mysterious Hedda Gabler is opening at Players' Theatre today. This play is thought to be one of Ibsen's finest works. The run will continue through until Sunday, February 29. Curtain time 8 pm. Reservations: Union Box Office, 392-8926 or 392-8924. \$2.50 for general admission and \$1.50 students and senior citizens.

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Pre-Meds:

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Psychotherapy for capitalists:

McGill Students of Objectivism—reading by a student of Dr. Allan Blumenthal's article, "The Base of Objectivist Psychotherapy," and of Ayn Rand's article, "Don't let it go." 7 pm Union 123. Admission free, all welcome.

Motorcycle club:

12—2 Ballroom Balcony (North), Union Bldg. Be there.

Christian Science Org:

New time and place of meetings: RVC Reynolds Lounge, 8:15 pm, 3425 University Street. Everyone welcome.

Thomas...

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Mozambique and Guinea, while leaving Angola in bondage. It was only the combined efforts of the three major factions of popular dissent that gave Angola an equal independence by November of 1975.

In the transitional period, Thomas maintained, imperialistic corporations of United States, Germany, Britain, the Netherlands and Canada sought to protect their investments in oil, diamonds, coffee and iron-ore by obtaining privileged status with a particular faction and manipulating the groups against each other.

With the withdrawal of Portuguese forces from the southern section of Angola last summer came the movement of South African troops into the country in pursuit of guerrillas of SWAPO (South West African Peoples Organization). He said that although one of the Angolan groups (UNITA) called for a combined struggle against the invaders from the south, another group (MPLA) joined in with the South Africans to fight UNITA. It was at this point, Thomas noted, that the United States stepped up its military aid to South Africa.

Thomas emphasised that there is not great divergence in the socio-economic outlooks of the three factions, and that their differences are rooted in regionalism, language and history. He pointed out that the American press has attempted to blacken the FNLA as being pro-Communist, when in actuality its leaders have never disavowed a partiality to Western capitalist investment.

Responding to questions on the role of the Soviet Union in the Angolan situation, Thomas said that he does not support calls for Soviet or Cuban withdrawal from Angola as he feels this will render the ruling faction more vulnerable to the pressure of Western corporations. He discounted challenges that Russia might also be motivated by imperialism to exploit the resources of Angola, claiming that the economy of the USSR is not dependent on such exploitation

as are the economies of most Western capitalist powers.

Thomas also claimed that US involvement in the civil war has gone beyond support to South Africa, and that much of the recruiting for mercenary fighters has been carried out by the United States Army. He revealed that the CIA sees an equal threat in all of the factions to the interests of investors, and that State Department leaks indicate that the strongest motivating factor for full military intervention would be the severe weakening of the position of South African forces. It is around South Africa, he concluded, that Western corporate policy in southwest Africa revolves.

The answer to the Angolan situation, Thomas summarized, lies in ridding the country of foreign economic and military intervention, putting control of Angola in the hands of the people of Angola so they may determine their own destiny.



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letters

Praised be Feinstein the detective

To the Daily:

I would like to thank Robert Feinstein for his most enlightening jewels of wisdom which graced the pages of the McGill Daily, Wednesday, February 18, 1976.

Robert's sermon on the mount (Royal), entitled "Life Is Simply Complex", clearly elucidates the simplicity of thinking complex. His revelation of "thingness", which he shared with his readers, reveals the very essence of life. Our saviour admonishes us not to dwell of the christening of pain through birth, the baptism of agony in youth, the anointing of anguish in maturity, and finally our redemption through the pain of death, but rather turn our cheeks, and cast our eyes on "the softness found in a breeze and the prettiness of a flower." Further he exhorts us to discover the pleasures of a "job well done", and the rewards of "helping others". When we realize, and accept the complexity that cruelty shares his bed with beauty, we shall be purged of cruelty through the redeeming power of beauty. Robert simply states, "...it seems to me, that life becomes less cruel when we realize just this complexity."

A hidden mystery is unclothed by our prophet, and stands naked before us like a delicate virgin— "...though one cannot get rid of hardship, one can at least make such hardship more human." By this truth we are saved, and the world is saved with us. "People will continue to have to work for a living—but now they won't have to work 15 hours a day, seven days a week, for ten cents a week." To further support Robert's awareness and insight of the world's situation, I take the liberty of citing an example from my own experiences and travels. During my past two and a half years of life I lived in the Persian Gulf on an island off the coast of Saudi Arabia, called Bahrain. By living with the natives, speaking their language, living their customs, I was able to grasp an intimacy with these people. They shared

many things with me, and among these was the blessing of progress or westernization, which quickly followed their newly found wealth of oil. The lower classes no longer work "15 hours a day, seven days a week, for ten cents a week", as Robert has consoled us, but now they only work 10 hours a day, seven days a week, for three dollars a week. So we readily see that Robert's perception is quite keen, and that the world's hardships have been mitigated.

I would like to conclude with a quote from our mentor's missive of spiritual enlightenment. Robert reproaches, "how strange that students who have never had to face real problems about life should have Christ complexes?" Praise be to Robert Feinstein.

Michael S. Merrill

Tibet like Quebec is part of nation

To the Daily:

I have read with disagreement Eugene Hiscock's letter of "You wan' tibet?", and I feel sorry for his ignorance about China both past and present. According to my knowledge, the Chinese population is made up of five main tribes—Hàn, Man, Meng, Hui, Zàng (Tibetan), and many other minorities as defined within her territory. What is referred to as 'minority' or 'majority' is only a numerical term with regard to the whole population, and has nothing to do with discrimination or inequality in respect to people's civil rights.

At the end of his letter, Hiscock said, "I hope you will support the true independent Tibet, not Tibet as a possession of China." In fact, China is only a name representing all parts of this country. One should not say any part of the Chinese territory is a possession of China, but rather it is an element of China and so are the other provinces. The number of refugees living overseas is just a handful of the total Tibetans. Hiscock's concern about China should be much appreciated, but unfortunately, he has based his knowledge on the wrong sample, and thus his argument is undoubtedly subject to bias. History is not merely a tale told

by others, but facts. It seems to me that it is of equal ridiculousness to regard China and Tibet, or Canada and Quebec as two different countries.

Chinese have their own rights to choose whatever home policy they desire. However, government policies can only satisfy most, but not all. It is unimportant whether a segment of the population is the minority or majority, but whether everyone has the same equal civil rights and status within the Chinese territory. As long as all Chinese are living in equality, I can see no validity in Hiscock's argument.

Wing-Yuk Wong

around campus

Referendum '76

Mercredi le 25 février, ne manquez pas l'émission Referendum '76 à 1h. Afin d'établir des relations plus étroites avec le secteur socio-culturel dont le secteur étudiant, étant donné la participation active de ce secteur pour l'évolution de la musique roche québécoise. Referendum '76 présentera sur les ondes de CKVL-FM à 96.9 des entrevues et des reportages en collaboration de Radio McGill ayant comme invité Michel Séguin le représentant officiel du Referendum '76 sur le campus de l'université McGill en présence des animateurs Gilles et Francine. Des bulletins de votes seront distribués par Michel Séguin à McGill du lundi, 23 au mercredi 25 février à l'entrée de l'Union entre 12 et 13h.

Committee...

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manage to get involved in the financial politics and see themselves as the prime movers, Johnson commented.

"What confuses things are specific projects, and this is where the electoral platforms come in," he said. "Students' Society candidates use specific projects such as Gertrude's to get elected. It is the specific projects that get the finances bogged down."

The Financial Director looks at the specific projects as well as at the regular budgets (clubs and societies) in isolation, instead of in totality. "This is a totally ridiculous way of allocating funds," Johnson feels.

Another committee member suggested hiring a professional staff to coordinate specific projects and to leave the

regular budgets up to the Students' Society.

The meeting then went into the ever-present problem of student apathy. It was suggested that a decline in both Administration and student consciousness was partly responsible for the collapse of this year's Students' Society.

Johnson feels that it was not a financial crisis that led to the downfall. It is a question of the individual personalities of the people involved, he said. Another student member, Peter Garber, disagreed and felt that collapse was inevitable despite individuals.

The committee then moved that it would invite other experienced and competent people to give different views on the Students' Society and proceed on their long trek from there. "We don't want it to be as long as the organized crime inquiry," one member commented.

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hits and guts

by giovanni gray

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